

WSS\_I2P SAMPLE

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Summer examinations 2019

Introduction to Psychology\_ Warwick in London Summer School 2019 **SAMPLE PAPER**

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Time Allowed: 2 hours and 15 minutes

Open book examination: permitted texts – Course Text (Psychological Science; Gazzaniga & Heatherton, 2018), dictionaries, and individual student class/revision notes from the course.

One (1) question must be answered from each section of the paper, with four (4) sections in total: you have a choice of question in each section.

The sections are:

- 1) Research Methods in Psychology
- 2) Topics in Psychology
- 3) Application of Psychological Theory & Evidence
- 4) Reflection on Psychological Science

Read the instructions on the answer book carefully and make sure that your details are entered on each answer book you use.

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**Section A: Research Methods in Psychology (25 marks)**

**Choose 1 question from this section**

1. Identify 1 similarity and 1 difference between quantitative and qualitative research methods used in psychology (i.e., 2 in total). Outline these points to your reader, explaining which of the two methodologies you think is most useful and why.
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2. “Psychology is not a science. It is a biased attempt by humans to understand themselves”. Do you agree with this statement? How do different research methods support or contradict your views?
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**Section B: Topics in Psychology (25 marks)**

**Choose 1 question from this section**

**You have selected and revised material from xxx topics covered in your course. Please use this information to answer one (1) of the following questions.**

3. Using your selected topics, which psychologist do you think has made the most useful contribution to understanding of human behaviour? Outline his/her contribution briefly, and explain why you think this has been so important.
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4. Looking at the topics you have prepared for this exam, which one has challenged you most? Give a brief overview of the topic and explain why you see it in this way, giving specific examples from the topic literature.
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**Section C: Application of Theory & Evidence in Psychology (25 marks)**

**Choose 1 question from this section**

**You have selected and undertaken xxx ZAPS practical sessions, separate to those covered in your course. Please use this information to answer one (1) of the following questions.**

5. Select the ZAPS practical session (1) which you found most difficult to understand. Explain briefly what you do understand about the study and then, outline anything that you are still unsure of. Does this make it difficult to understand the study as a whole? Do you think it makes it a bad experiment? Give your reasons why you agree or disagree with these last two questions.
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6. Select one (1) of the ZAPS practical sessions you have done, explain what it tests and what you would like to do to explore the area further. You will need to state the research question and/or predictions of the practical, and highlight two (2) additional questions that you would like to test and why (e.g., Are there sex differences in intelligence tests?).
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**Section D: Reflection on Psychological Science (25 marks)**

**Choose 1 question from this section**

7. Psychology can sometimes be overlooked as a scientific discipline, with assumptions made about its methods, objectives and outcomes. Have you been convinced that Psychology is a science? Has your view changed from when you arrived or originally considered this course? You may use any material from the course (i.e., lecture materials, reading, movies etc.) to support your points.
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8. Are there any ideas from your Introduction to Psychology course that have inspired you to learn more about them after the course has ended? Please give three (3) examples, outlining what you would like to find out and why. You may use any material from the course (i.e., lecture materials, reading, movies etc.) to support your points.
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